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SUBJECT: POLISH ELECTION CAMPAIGN

1. KICKING OFF WHAT PASSES IN POLAND FOR A PARLIAMENTARY ELECTION CAMPAIGN, THE ALL-POLISH COMMITTEE OF THE FRONT OF NATIONAL UNITY MET ON FEBRUARY 23 AND ANNOUNCED THAT PROFESSOR JANUSZ GROSZKOWSKI HAD RESIGNED AS FRONT CHAIRMAN AND HAD BEEN REPLACED BY COUNCIL OF STATE CHAIRMAN AND PZPR POLITBIURO MEMBER PROFESSOR HENRYK JABLONSKI. THE FRONT ADOPTED AN ELECTION DECLARATION WHICH IS NOTEWORTHY ONLY BECAUSE OF THE FOLLOWING PASSAGE ON RELIGIOUS TOLERATION.

2. BEGIN QUOTE. THE POLISH PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC GUARANTEES FREEDOM OF CONSCIENCE, PRACTICE, AND RELIGIOUS BELIEF.
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LIEF TO BELIEVING CITIZENS, CATHOLICS, AND THOSE BELONGING

TO OTHER BELIEFS. AS THERE ARE DIFFERING RELATIONS TO
RELIGIOUS MATTERS, ALL CITIZENS ARE EQUALLY BOUND TO
THE PRINCIPLE OF MUTUAL TOLERATION ENSUING FROM THE
SPIRIT OF THE CONSTITUTION AND OUR GOOD TRADITIONS. END QUOTE.

3. COMMENT: THE ANNOUNCEMENT THAT JABLONSKI HAS BECOME
CHAIRMAN OF THE ALL-POLISH COMMITTEE OF THE FRONT OF
NATIONAL UNITY GIVES CREDIBILITY TO REPORTS WE HAVE BEEN
HEARING THAT, FOLLOWING THE MARCH 21 SEJM ELECTIONS, HE
WILL LEAVE THE POST OF CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL OF STATE
(SEE 75 WARSAW 7923).

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